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## SURPRISE UNLIMBERS BIG GUNS LAST NIGHT

### INDIANA'S POWER IS PLACED AGAINST R. R. STRIKE MENACE

#### STATE TO PREPARE FOR STRIKE

Trucks To Be Mobilized, Thousands of Them For Emergencies Reported

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., October 21.—Governor McCray has announced that every resource of the state will be utilized to prevent interruption of business or suffering among the people from want of necessary supplies in the event of the proposed nation-wide strike of railroad employees. The governor pointed out that the public's interest must be considered first in every activity of the state.

The governor said that as the first step in preventing a complete breakdown of transportation facilities in the state in case of a railroad strike, more than 500 motor trucks of the state highway commission will be placed at the disposal of communities and commercial houses to transport necessities to districts where they are needed.

**ROADS GOOD, TRUCKS AT HAND.**  
Roads of Indiana are in excellent condition, according to A. H. Hinkle, superintendent of maintenance of the highway department, and would stand up well under heavy truck traffic.

The trucks of the state highway commission are daily being increased in number from consignments received from the war department. More than forty additional trucks are expected to be received tomorrow and, by the time of the proposed strike, officials estimate the commission will have between 600 and 700 trucks.

The trucks are distributed throughout the state at thirty-two strategic points, the district and subdistrict headquarters of the maintenance division. The five district headquarters are at Monticello, Fort Wayne, Greentfield, Seymour, and Vincennes. Subdistrict headquarters are at Laporte, Valparaiso, Rensselaer, Monticello, Plymouth, Warsaw, Kendallville, Port Wayne, Wabash, Fowler, Crawfordsville, Lebanon, Greentfield, Winchester, Columbus, Martinsville, Seymour, Aurora, Princeton, Paoli, New Albany, Terre Haute, Connersville, Anderson, Dale, Crown Point and Indianapolis.

#### CLUB MEMBERS O. K. PURCHASE OF CLUB

Enthusiastic Meeting Held By Members at Last Night's Conference.

At a fruitful meeting of the Hammond Country Club members and Country Club Association held last night, the proposition of purchasing the club property was well received and favorably acted upon. Nearly 100 members in fact all present at the meeting agreed to take from one to three memberships in the new club body which before the first of the New Year expects to own its own property and the committee was authorized to appoint executive, legal and publicity committees to carry out the purchase. Many speeches were made among them being one by Dr. Humphreys of Whitcomb who was enthusiastic over the proposition.

#### STREET RIOT FOLLOWS MEETING AT CALUMET

Guns Pulled, Black-jacks Used and Police Called; Reppa Leader Arrested.

Councilman John Tenkley, representing the fourth ward in the East Chicago city council, was arrested last night on a charge of carrying concealed weapons. The arrest was made in front of Columbia hall which is in J. K. Reppa's own precinct at Calumet. Tenkley is one of Reppa's closest advisers in the present campaign and it is claimed that he will be the next chief of police if the republican ticket is successful. He was the leader of a crowd of Reppa supporters who went to Columbia hall last night during a Frank Callahan meeting, evidently to create a disturbance. Many of them carried guns and blackjacks. "Two hundred dollars that Reppa carries the fourth ward," yelled Tenkley.

In a flash he was taken up, the money being produced by a crowd of Callahan backers standing in the corridor of the hall.

**TENKLEY ENRAGED.**  
Tenkley reneged. He declined to bet and the crowd laughed. This enraged Tenkley. A fight ensued and the alderman flashed a gun. He was immediately arrested and taken to the police station where he gave a \$200

#### HIGH PREMIUM FOR HAMMOND WATER BONDS

Theodore Dreiser once wrote a remarkable story called "The Financier." A chapter of that novel was re-enacted yesterday in the offices of Mayor Brown at City Hall where there were gathered a dozen or more of the shrewdest bond buyers of LaSalle and other financial centers nearer home. These men had come to offer their bids for \$375,000 worth of Hammond water works bonds. They were present to underwrite the whole series and as was natural each maneuvered to secure the bonds at a figure that would permit his house to make as large a profit as possible.

After a stormy session during which several of the rival financiers nearly came to blows, the changes of "misrepresentation" and "unfair advantages" were hurled at one another the meeting came to a close and when the smoke had cleared away Mayor Brown and his colleagues stood victorious while the non-plussed bond buyers sought to gather their wits and find new this back-country city executive had put out over in LaSalle street.

In short Mayor Brown had disposed of the \$375,000 worth of bonds at a premium of \$20,000 or at \$105.36 which represents a greater premium than has been realized at any like sale anywhere in recent years.

The successful bidder was Payne, Weber & Co., of Chicago. Their nearest bid was \$1,000 lower offered by the Harris Trust & Savings Co., ably represented by a young man who fought every inch and who questioned the ethics of the manner Payne Weber & Co. had presented their bid.

The bonds carry an interest rate of 6 per cent. The wisdom of making them 6 per cent. instead of 5 1/2 per cent. was explained this morning by Mayor Brown. At 6 per cent the premium on the whole amount which totals in round numbers \$20,000 will give an annual return of \$1,200 which in 30 years will total \$36,000 plus the original premium of \$20,000 making the actual return \$56,000. At 5 1/2 per cent the total yield would be \$35,325.

About a dozen banking and bond houses were represented at the sale. Several local banks put in bids also. The lowest bid in the lot offered a premium of \$1,000.

#### HAMMOND SCHOOL CHILD FATALLY HURT

On his way to St. Joseph's school, his morning Edward Early, aged 8 years, living at 143 Clinton street, was struck and probably fatally injured, when he ran in front of an automobile driven by Enoch Harris who gave his address to police as 428 Ann st. Harris, driving north on Hohman st. had just crossed the intersection at Clinton street when the boy, standing on the west side of Hohman street, dashed in front of the machine and was knocked to the pavement. Harris, accompanied by officer Joe Reckler, who arrived on the scene immediately following the accident, took the lad to St. Margaret's hospital. Dr. Child, the attending surgeon says little Edward Early has but a slight chance of recovery. His head is badly cut and there is a possibility that he sustained a fractured skull said Dr. Child. The room late this morning.

The police did not book Harris.

**BE SURE TO HEAR BERNARD C. GAVIT AND ED SIMON AT THE COLUMBIA SCHOOL THIS EVENING.**

10-21-21

#### WHOLESALE INTEREST IS SHOWN

City Campaign Reveals A Wide-Spread Interest of Citizens in Their Government.

(BY THE POLITICAL REPORTER)  
The city campaign is freer of prejudice today than it was three weeks ago. There is less partisanship. More republicans are to be seen at democratic meetings and a corresponding increase of democrats can be noticed at republican rallies.

The religious issue has practically disappeared. It was a bug-a-boo at which both parties shied. The morals issue is losing weight. It is apparent that there is a great portion of the voters eager for information and withholding judgment until the speakers have threshed out the issues.

**CRUCIAL TIME**  
The democrats will rise or fall at the Parthenon theater Monday night. By their showing of strength at that meeting and by the presentation of their arguments against Mayor Brown's administration and the qualifications of Ed. Simon they will be made or go broke.

The political reporter has been accused of going to the campaign rallies with tongue in cheek and thumb to nose, indifferent to the serious business of electing officials to run the government of the city for the next four years. It has been inferred that given a good book, a sandwich and a bottle of beer he would enjoy himself at a political meeting.

He must admit that it is boring at times to have a few boarding houses and pool rooms in the colored district depicted as "Hell holes" and dens of iniquity when no proof is presented of the "awful" conditions said to exist on that much maligned thoroughfare Plummer avenue. It is true that the police have had a good deal of trouble with some bad members of the colored colony, but they are under constant surveillance and the city's morals are unquestionably better than under any previous administration.

**THE REAL ISSUES**  
The questions of taxation, gas, light and telephone rates and the solution of the water problem are of such greater importance that it is ridiculous to lay such stress on the alleged vice of Plummer avenue when all the democratic gentlemen have to do is to make out affidavits and cause the arrest of the "bad" negroes and negresses.

On the other hand it is no policy to say the least, for republican speakers to attack Mrs. Smalley, candidate for clerk on the record of her deceased husband. More than that it is positively foolish. John Smalley was not only one of the best citizens the city has ever had, but an excellent mayor. His memory is sacred. Mrs. Smalley's running for office on her qualifications which are unquestioned.

If the democrats go in for personalities and mud slinging at their meeting Monday night they will not get very far. The people are not gullible. They know that the republicans are well policed and that their morals are not in a bad way. The women voters are as intelligent as the men. The money that goes to pay taxes and gas, light and telephone bills comes through their hands. They are as susceptible to the arguments for economy as the men. The campaign will have to be fought on the real issues which are taxation, the waterworks project and the public utilities.

It is in the main a wholesome campaign, freer from irrelevant matters than the campaigns in Gary and East Chicago. The influence of the women vote will prove to be a splendid thing.

#### CONSUMERS WHOLESAL SWATS H. C. L.

Saturday is the announced day for the big "Swat the High Cost of Living" sale at the Consumers Wholesale Grocers, 840 Hohman street. Ed. Smalley, who has managed a sale and a special order that consists of all the necessary articles used in the home during a week's time, including ten pounds of sugar for twenty-three cents. A market basket will be given to each purchaser free of charge in which to carry the goods and should there be a shortage of items on the list, the management is willing to substitute any other item in the store at the same price.

Although Mr. Smalley is always preparing some sale in keeping with the company's policy of supplying products at wholesale prices to the retail trade he never loses sight of the public's welfare and the individual needs of his patrons. An opportunity to give the public a chance to get the necessities of life at a reduced price is quickly seized and put to some good advantage such as the present sale. A close perusal of the advertisement in The Times today will reward many for the little time spent.

#### DON'T FAIL TO HEAR THIS LECTURE

Every father an every potential father in Hammond should hear Dr. Charles Barker lecture to men only on "Father's Responsibility to His Son," at the First Baptist Church at 8 p. m. tonight. He has lectured twice to splendid audiences in the city today and has been given magnificent praise by those who heard him. The lectures are given under the auspices of the Rotary Club. There will be no admission charges.

#### Extra!

**BULLETIN**  
(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—The silk-clad body of pretty Mrs. Blanche Otten, 23, a cabaret entertainer, was found in her gas-filled apartment this afternoon. Beside the body was a place of perfumed paper upon which had been scrawled the words, "Really a wonderful man." She had been living apart from her husband, Bernard Otten, a musician.

**BULLETIN**  
(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 21.—The weather bureau today issued the following storm warning: "Advisory 10 a. m. Disturbances appear to be forming over western Caribbean Sea, southeast of Jamaica, movement uncertain, but probably northward."

#### MEETING IS BARREN OF RESULTS

Both Sides Go On With Preparations For Country's Biggest Rail Strike

**BULLETIN**  
(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Despite the failure of the railroad labor board to secure promises from the chiefs of the "Big Four" transportation brotherhoods for the withdrawal of orders for a nation-wide railroad strike, there was a distinct atmosphere of optimism still prevailing in official circles today. Members of President Harding's cabinet were to assemble early at the White House to discuss the situation. The president may call a joint conference of railroad executives and labor leaders if other means cannot be found to avert the threatened walkout, but the belief continues here that the strike will be called off without direct action on the part of the government.

**BY LUTHER A. HUSTON**  
(STAFF CORRESPONDENT I. N. SERVICE)  
CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Preparations for the big railroad strike in the history of the United States were going forward today as a result of the failure of the conference here between the chiefs of the big railway brotherhoods and the United States railroad labor board to reach an agreement. No further parleys have been arranged, and unless a new move toward settlement comes within the next nine days, the walkout set for Oct. 30 will take place.

**REACH AN IMPASSE**  
Both union leaders and railway executives frankly admitted an impasse had been reached. It was generally conceded that the next move toward a settlement must come from the federal government at Washington. Members of the labor board, while declining to make statements, admitted the conference which they had hoped would accomplish much, had been barren of results. They announced that the board had no further plan in mind.

The heads of the "big five" brotherhoods, as they have come to be known since the union of the switchmen with the trainmen, conductors, engineers and firemen and engineers, either had left Chicago today or were preparing to leave for Cleveland where plans for fighting the battle that looms when the walkout comes will be prepared.

**BOTH SIDES STAND PAT**  
"We stand pat" and "the strike will proceed" were their parting declarations.

The attempt of the labor board to adjust the controversy and end in failure when the heads of the brotherhoods, after several hours of conferences, walked out of the parley, asserting that the proposals submitted by the board were impossible of acceptance.

The proposal of the labor board, which was rejected, consisted of postponement of the strike, deferring of the request of the roads for further wage reductions and reduction of freight rates to absorb the wage cuts that became effective July 1.

It was the contention of the union leaders that the strike could not be postponed. Nothing short of a settlement, they said, could avert the strike.

#### TAXPAYERS TAKE NOTICE

The second installment of all taxes and interest and installments on all special assessments, such as paving, sewers and oil sprinkling become due Nov. 7th.

WALTER F. BIELEFELD,  
City Treasurer.

#### Our Weather Man

Rain and Warmer.

#### RAILROAD EXECUTIVES WHO ARE MAKING PLANS TO AVERT OR FIGHT GREAT STRIKE



DANIEL WILLARD

These two men are taking leading parts in the arrangements being made by the railroads to avert a general strike, if possible, or to meet the emergency if conciliation fails. Daniel Willard has been in the railway service since 1875 and has been president of the Baltimore & Ohio, since Jan. 15, 1919. Thomas De Witt Cuyler is chairman of The Association of Railway Executives.



THOMAS DE WITT CUYLER

#### May Seek Court Aid To Prevent R. R. Strike

**BY MILDRED MORRIS**  
(STAFF CORRESPONDENT I. N. SERVICE)  
CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—The next move for peace in the railroad situation is up to Washington. Through the interstate commerce commission, attempt will be made to obtain a declaration from the railroads promising to press for no more wage reductions for the present and to adjust working rules it was learned today from authoritative sources. The administration is preparing to prevent the strike through proceedings in the United States courts in event all mediative efforts fail, it was learned. The chiefs of the "Big Four" brotherhoods and T. C. Cashen, president of the Switchmen's Union of North America, will, within the next few days, be cited before the railroad labor board to answer at a public hearing to charges of violating the Commerce-Transportation act by calling a strike according to the present program. That the administration is determined to prevent the strike through the courts if necessary, was learned officially today. Under the program at present contemplated, either the United States labor board itself or some other government agency will seek a restraining order to prevent the strike. The proceedings would test the constitutionality and power of the board.

#### EXTRA!

**(BULLETIN)**  
(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Oct. 21.—The opening gun of the threatened country-wide railroad strike will be fired here tomorrow when between 600 and 700 brotherhood employees of the International Great Northern railroad will walk out at noon.

**(BULLETIN)**  
(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
McCOOK, Ill., Oct. 21.—Two armed bandits held up a Santa Fe freight train near here today, robbed the entire crew at the point of automatics, and escaped with \$5,000 worth of whiskey. The liquid was being shipped as "breakfast food."

**(BULLETIN)**  
(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—The scaffold thrown up in the county jail for the hanging of Frank Ligogni, Bible student and wife murderer, was dismantled today. Ligogni was not hanged as per schedule. A few hours before the hour set for the trap to be sprung, and while still in the death cell, Ligogni was granted a stay of execution.

**(BULLETIN)**  
(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
WYOMING, Oct. 21.—One hundred and twelve dollars in cash and bonds was believed today to be the amount of loot taken by four masked bandits who held up the Bank of Toronto here. The bandits escaped in an automobile after a running revolver fight with citizens.

#### SEN. NEJDL CAMPAIGNS FOR MAYOR SCHRAGE

WHITING, Ind., Oct. 21.—The Whiting High School has been secured for a big republican meeting this evening. At this meeting some of the attacks on Mayor Schrage's administration will be answered by Senator Nejdli who is President of the Whiting Board of Public Works. Last evening at the meeting of the Young Men's Republican Club he replied to the attacks with reference to the Sewerage Pumping station. Tonight he will go into more detail. Mayor Schrage himself will take up a number of other questions that have been made issues in this campaign by the opposition. It is known that the democrats have nothing real or substantial on which to make a campaign and therefore are attacking every little thing that they possibly can. Their cry of "Economy and Efficiency" mean nothing to the citizen who is the least bit familiar with the Schrage administration.

**(BULLETIN)**  
(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Announcement of the program to be followed by the railroad unions in the A. F. of L., representing more than two-thirds of the "Big Four" brotherhoods, goes into effect, may not be made for several days, according to W. H. Ivantone, president of the International Association of Machinists.

**(BULLETIN)**  
(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—An escort of twelve American destroyers met the Cunard liner Aquitania down the bay today, to welcome Admiral Lord Beatty, famous British sea fighter, who came to the United States as a guest of the American Legion. Eleutherios Venizelos, former Greek premier, was also aboard the liner. Lord Beatty was given a 19-gun salute as the tug passed Governor's Island.

**(BULLETIN)**  
(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
LONDON, Oct. 21.—The threatened break-up of the Irish peace conference today over the obstacle of recalcitrant Ulster failed to take place.

**(BULLETIN)**  
(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
URBANA, Ill., Oct. 21.—John Christman, Negro, of Champaign, was hanged here today. It was the first hanging in this county for more than forty years. Christman killed his wife with a razor last summer.

Among the other speakers this evening will be Oscar Ahlstrom and Miss Edith Langenham, the republican candidate for City Treasurer. One of the offices that the democrats have already conceded to the Republicans is that of City Treasurer. Miss Langenham's strength lies in the fact that she has been employed in the City Hall in various capacities, upwards of ten years, and has won the support of all who have come in contact with her. The campaign is getting warmed up now, and a large attendance will greet the speakers this evening. At the Young Men's meeting last night Senator Nejdli, Rev. Brodus, Charles S. Perci and Frank Duggan talked before a crowd that filled the hall.

#### POWERFUL DEFENSE OF POLICE DEPT.

U. S. Commissioner Makes A Whale of a Political Address At K. P. Hall

"What are you wearing that button for?"

This little query, heard so often on the streets of Hammond these campaign days, started a verbal duel the other day between Charles Surprice and a leading democrat. The demo had put the question and Charles came right back with some answers. The demo switched to his favorite topic, the "corruption of the Hammond police and the terrible moral conditions which prevail."

Well, you all know Charley. He's the U. S. Commissioner, teacher of one of the largest Sunday school classes in town and interested in everything that looks toward the betterment of the city. He just couldn't keep still and what he said was aptly.

**HE WAS RIGHT MAD**

He was boiling with wrath when he rushed into Republican headquarters and demanded that he be given a chance to speak in public. He had never tried political speaking before, but he knew that he could tell a crowd some facts mighty quick.

He did. Last night he was one of the speakers at the K. of P. hall which was jammed to the stairs for the meeting. He told the crowd of that little preliminary spat with the prominent democrat and of some of the questions he had asked the demo.

**IF THE HAMMOND POLICE FORCE IS SO CORRUPT, WHY IS IT THAT THE U. S. SECRET SERVICE, THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, THE U. S. INTERNAL REVENUE DEPARTMENT, THE FEDERAL PROSECUTION OFFICERS, ALL HAVE SUCH HIGH RESPECT FOR THE HAMMOND DEPARTMENT?**

Then he told of the frequent statements of an old Secret Service operative who frequently comes to Hammond. "If the Hammond police force is so corrupt, why is it that the U. S. Secret Service, the U. S. Department of Justice, the U. S. Internal Revenue Department, the federal prohibition enforcement officers, all have such high respect for the Hammond Department?" he demanded. "Why is it that they tell me that Hammond's force is different from any in the country and that it is the best in the state?"

**BRINGS PRISONER IN**  
"Whenever that officer finds that a man he wants is in Hammond he just walks into the office of Chief Austgen and tells him that he wants him. Then he hangs around until the patrol brings the fellow in. He knows that if that fellow is in Hammond, Austgen's men will get him. He never worries about tip-off as in other cities. In cities the size of Hammond it is generally necessary for him to take his operations with him and make the catch himself."

**NO SCANDALS HERE**  
Surprise pointed to the fact that Hammond has had no great scandals involving violation of federal statutes. "You haven't seen any twenty or thirty of our citizens picking up hurriedly and heading for Mexico or Cuba as happened out in Nebraska last week, have you?" he said. "You haven't seen the city officials of prominent citizens indicted for conspiracy as has been the case in some Indiana cities in the last few years, Terre Haute, Evansville, Muncie and Indianapolis for example. You never have any trouble in voting a election. No sluggers cause trouble at the polls."

**WANTED TO OPERATE HERE**  
Here he let the public in on some information which was new to them. The lake horse race swindle which was operated at Muncie and other places might just as well be centered in Hammond. The promoters of this swindle came to Hammond and asked Mayor Brown's permission to put up their blackboard showing race results in a room in Hammond. The spokesman then added that all he asked was fifteen minutes notice before the police raided the place when one of the victims squealed. That would give them time to get across the state line.

**HE LEFT IN A HURRY**  
"Dan Brown laughed at such a suggestion and ordered them out of his office," said Surprice. "A little later another representative of the clique came to Hammond from East Chicago and put the proposal to Chief Austgen again, stating that the first proposition had probably been misunderstood. He then whispered that there would be \$1,000 in it for the chief. That fellow left the police station in a hurry."

"I don't believe you folks realize the temptations that beset a policeman in these days of prohibition," continued the speaker. "I know that a certain Hammond officer has on several occasions been approached by representatives of the liquor interests and offered \$1,000 a week if he would merely take a list of automobile numbers and not molest the cars bearing them when they came through Hammond. I know that that offer has been refused several times. Do you think it would have been turned down in some other cities that we know of?"

**HAMMOND THEIR HOME**  
"That's why a young horse runner recently made the statement in court that his father had warned him Hammond 'is a Hell of a place to go through.'"

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